

# AIM Thermal Stresses in a Bar - Validation

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## Problem Specification

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## Validation

In the pre-analysis, the maximum stress was calculated. In order to verify that our simulation was accurate, a comparison must be made. In order to calculate the maximum stress of the simulation, [click on Add next to Results](#), and select **Calculated Value**. In the function drop down menu, select **Maximum**. Under the **Variable** drop down menu, select **Equivalent Stress** then press **Evaluate**. Very quickly, the maximum stress of the heated bar is calculated and displayed. This maximum value can also be seen in the panel on the left when the **Equivalent Stress 1** contour is displayed.

The table below compares the calculated and simulated values for maximum stress in a heated bar. With a difference of much less than 5%, we can consider our simulation to be accurate.

Calculated Value	Simulated Value	Difference
160.03 Mpa	160 Mpa	0.018%

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